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Applicants respectfully request that these items be considered by the Examiner, and that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of these references by initialing and returning copies of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the next official action.

In accordance with the duty of disclosure provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56, there is hereby provided certain information which the Examiner may consider material to the examination of the subject U.S. patent application. It is requested that the Examiner make this information of record if it is deemed material to the examination of the application.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1), it is certified that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. A copy of the European Search Report dated March 23, 2007 is also enclosed. U.S. Patent No. 4,976,339 cited on the European Search Report is not cited on the PTO-1449 because it was cited by the Examiner in the Office Action dated December 12, 2006.

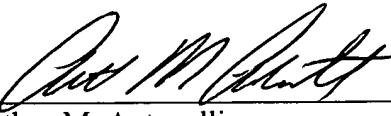
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